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Plywood Siding

Interpretations of State and Local Building Codes
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I. Weather-Resistive Barriers

Section 1402.1 of the Uniform Building Code requires all weather-exposed surfaces to have a weather-resistive barrier to protect the interior wall covering. Such barrier must be the equivalent of kraft waterproof building paper (UBC Standard No. 14-1) or asphalt-saturated rag felt (Underwriters Laboratories Standard Specification 55-A 1993).

II. Exemption

Plywood panels which are securely nailed along all edges to nominal two-inch-thick framing members will be exempt from this requirement, provided the plywood is exterior grade and a minimum of three-eighths-inch-thick. All plywood joints shall be covered with continuous wood battens or with an alternative material as specified in Section 2310.3 Nailing shall be as required for plywood wall sheathing.